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CHILDREN FILM COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has been hosting the International Children`s film festival since 1995;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to construct a Children`s Film Festival Complex at Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the details in this regard.

(d) the reasons for the deletion of said proposal from the Tenth Plan;

(e) whether there is any request from Andhra Pradesh to reconsider the said decision and sanction the project; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (e) Since 1995, the International Children`s Film Festival is being organized at Hyderabad by the Children`s Film society, India(CFSI), in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. This event is held once every two years.

In the year 1997, Hyderabad was declared as the permanent venue for the International Children`s Film Festival. While the proposal of construction of Children`s Film Complex at Hyderabad was under consideration, the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) recommended the winding up of CFSI itself. It was felt that setting up of a complete festival complex with offices and theatres for a festival held for a duration of seven days every two years would not justify the huge capital investment required. Based on this, the scheme was taken out from the 10th Five Year Plan. Subsequently, a request from Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction of the project for construction of the complex at Hyderabad had been received which was responded to. Another request from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh was received for reviving the earlier proposal. The matter is under consideration of the Ministry.